Date and Time received by Board of Registrars

TOWN OF SOMERSET
PETITION FOR ARTICLE FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

We, the undersigned, petition to present to votersfor their approval at Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2016 the following "School Day Sidewalk Snow Clearing" By-law, as follows:

It is the responsibility of every abutter of a publicly maintained sidewalk to keep his or her abutting sidewalks free of snow and ice on any day in which public schools are in session. The responsibility includes clearing unimpeded pedestrian access to the sidewalk of neighboring abutters and to crosswalks and wheelchair access ramps built into the sidewalk curb, or, in the case of sidewalks without adjacent crosswalks or wheelchair access ramps, to street corners.

Any abutter who is both physically and financially unable to clear snow and ice from his or her property will be absolved of this responsibility after informing the Town Clerk of his or her physical and financial inability and requesting volunteer assistance to clear snow and ice from his or her property. The Town Clerk will publicly post all such requests for voluneer assistance.

Any individual or organization may clear a public sidewalk of snow and/or ice and be held harmless for throwing the removed snow and ice onto abutting property if said sidewalk has not been cleared previously as required, and if the removed snow and/or ice is thrown in a reasonably cautious manner to minimize damage or inconvenience to sidewalk abutters.

NOTE: For a Special Town Meeting, 100 registered voters' signatures are required to be certified.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS	**SIGNER'S STATEMENT**
For your signatures to be valid you must be a registered voter in the town named above and your signature should be written substantially as registered. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize a person to write your name and residence in your presence.	We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Somerset, and in accordance with the provisions of the law request an article be placed on the warrant for the next annual town meeting for the purpose stated above.

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Attention Voters: Before signing read signer information on the other side.

Attention Registrars: Before certifying signatures, see instructions to registrar below

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WARNING – Criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating or destroying this petition: fine of up to $1,000 or imprisonment for one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

- You must time stamp or write date and time these papers are received
- Check √ against the names of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified use code on right.
- Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing a signature
- Each check must be certified by three registrars
- For names not certified use the code on the right

N – No such registered voter at this address

S – Unable to identify signature or address as that of a voter because of form of signature or address

T – Already signed the petition

CERTIFICATION OF NAMES

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City or Town Month and Day

We certify that _____
(Number of names)
of the above signatures checked thus √ are names of qualified voters from the Town of Somerset

At least three registrars must be signed or stamped below.

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Board of Registrars
Town of Somerset